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## Senate

The Senate met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Honorable HERB KOHL, a Senator from the State of Wisconsin.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senate will be led in prayer by our guest Chaplain, CPT Leroy Gilbert, Chaplain of the U.S. Coast Guard.

### PRAYER

Let us pray.

Eternal God, before the United States Senate begins its deliberation, we pause to give You thanks and invoke Your blessings and presence upon the Senators, their staffs, and all those who work in the Senate, as they transact the business of our Nation.

Lord, we are thankful for our system of government where opinions and divergent views are discussed and analyzed to form synergistic policies that are best for our country.

Dear God, may the words of the psalmist, "blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord" (Psalm 33:12), remind us that America has a divine calling to be a "nation under God." May we never forget the foundation upon which this Nation was built, sustained, and blessed, because Your word gives us wisdom to know that "all the nations that forget God return to the grave."—Psalm 9:17. We come before You today, dear God, as a nation that has not forgotten its allegiance and motto, "In God We Trust." May every decision made in the Senate bring honor to God and make of us a stronger, better, and safer Nation.

Lord, this Nation is faced with new and unexpected challenges that jeopardize the American way of life, our safety, and liberty. Many have said that after September 11, America will never be the same. If this great Nation has to change, then Lord, mold America and make it even greater. Change us to bring out the best in us for the good of humanity. Bless the Senators with spiritual wisdom and insight to make good decisions to keep America

united, strong, efficient, and equal to her tasks.

As we resolve to stand united as a country, dear Lord, we pray the prayer that is written in the hearts of every American: "God bless America, land that I love, stand beside her and guide her, through the night with the light from above. From the mountain to the prairies, to the ocean white with foam. God bless America our home sweet home." In Thy name we pray. Amen.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable HERB KOHL led the Pledge of Allegiance, as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

### APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will please read a communication to the Senate from the President pro tempore (Mr. BYRD).

The assistant legislative clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,  
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,  
Washington, DC, February 5, 2002.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable HERB KOHL, a Senator from the State of Wisconsin, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD,  
President pro tempore.

Mr. KOHL thereupon assumed the chair as Acting President pro tempore.

### RECOGNITION OF THE ACTING MAJORITY LEADER

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Senator from Nevada.

### SCHEDULE

Mr. REID. Mr. President, this morning, after a brief period of morning business, at 10:15 a.m. the Senate will proceed to executive session to consider the nomination of Philip Martinez to be a United States district judge. Debate on the nomination is limited to 15 minutes equally divided. At 10:30 a.m., the Senate will vote on the confirmation of this nomination.

Following that vote, the Senate will resume debate on the economic recovery stimulus package. Other votes are expected today with respect to that bill. As a reminder to Members, cloture has been filed on the Daschle and others substitute amendment. All first-degree amendments must be filed by 12:30 p.m. today. In addition, the Senate will recess at 12:30 p.m. for the weekly party conferences.

### RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, leadership time is reserved.

### MORNING BUSINESS

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, there will now be a period for the transaction of morning business not to extend beyond the hour of 10:15 a.m., with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 5 minutes each.

The Chair recognizes the Senator from Nevada.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the next 10 minutes be equally divided between the minority and majority.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask the Chair to inform me when I have used the 5 minutes.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Chair will do so.

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